IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121 as follows:

Page 1, replace the title with,

Device for Processing Tires

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Description

and insert instead:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2a, above line 1, please insert:
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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